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*Whereas, On October 31, 1834, Solon Robinson and his family arrived as the first settlers on the rambling plains that would later be known as Crown Point. As the first family of Crown Point, the Robinsons built the pioneer community on family values that allowed the settlement to become the bustling Hub of Lake County;*

*Whereas, In 1868, Crown Point was founded upon the notions of tolerance, peace and justice. Solon Robinson funded a \$500 project to build the first courthouse, which elevated the fledgling city to county seat. A year after incorporation, construction began on the "Grand Old Lady", a new and more impressive courthouse that still dominates the town square as a symbol of dignity and wisdom in the justice system;*

*Whereas, The Cobe Cup Car Race, was first held south of the County Courthouse on June 19, 1909. This grueling 25 mile race was the forerunner to the Indianapolis 500. The race's first champion was Louis Chevrolet, who later founded the Chevrolet Motor Company;*

*Whereas, The Marriage Mill, one of Crown Point's most endearing events, perpetuates the town's romantic heritage*

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*and swift approval of marriage licenses by attracting local couples to the courthouse steps each summer during the Homestead Festival to marry or restate their matrimonial vows;*

*Whereas, In the early hours of March 3, 1934, the notorious John Dillinger escaped from the reportedly "escape-proof" Crown Point Jail by ambushing a sleeping guard with a gun carved from a wooden washboard and stained with black shoe polish. Although Crown Point Jail closed its doors in the 1970's, visitors eager to witness Indiana's part in the story of one of the United States' greatest crooks have reported the long shadow of a sleepy guard walking the cold corridors of the jail's dark underbelly;*

*Whereas, Those who have strolled the sidewalks of downtown Crown Point can attest that such a venture typically results in a small town reminiscence. Crown Point's impressive historic storefronts line the streets of the town square. A walk through the doors of these stately structures easily conjures up images of an attractive by-gone age; and*

*Whereas, Mayor of Crown Point David Uran will issue a proclamation and open a time capsule to remember those who laid the first stones of community and tradition that made Crown Point a crowning success for all 175 years; Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1: That the General Assembly hereby commemorates
- 2           the 175th anniversary of the City of Crown Point.
- 3           SECTION 2: That the Secretary of the Senate Transmit three
- 4           copies of this resolution to the Mayor of Crown Point David Uran.

